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Dear Mr. LaFrance,

The Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington (AOBA) would be pleased to support a DOE initiative that makes available volume purchases of R-5 Windows and Low-e Storm Windows. We can inform our local members about opportunities that a future initiative would provide.

The Apartment and Office Building Association represents companies that own or manage approximately 155.8 million square feet of commercial office space and more than 208,000 residential units across the Washington region. We will support strategies such as the proposed volume purchase opportunity that increase access to energy efficiency investments.

We appreciate the Department of Energy taking the initiative to create a market for promising, emerging technologies that will have significant benefits for office building tenants and apartment residents, as well as for our nation's energy security and carbon emission-reduction strategy.

Sincerely,

Marie L. Tibor  
Director of Communications and Coordinator, Green Initiatives